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NOTIFICATION

G. O. Rt. No. 672/73/Home. *Dated, Trivandrum, 9th May 1973.*

Whereas the Government are of opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an enquiry into a definite matter of public importance;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Central Act LX of 1952), the Government of Kerala hereby appoint a Commission of Inquiry, consisting of Shri N. Chandrabhanu, Member, Board of Revenue, to enquire into and find out facts relating to the incidents which led to an allegation by the Kozhikode District Executive Committee of the Working Journalists' Union of an attack against two Journalists on 10-4-1973 at Kozhikode.

3. The Commission should complete the enquiry and submit its report to the Gvernment by 9th August, 1973.

4. And whereas the Government of Kerala are of opinion having regard to the nature of enquiry to be made by the Commission and other circumstances of the case that all the provisions of sub-sections (2) to (5) of Section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (Central Act LX of 1952) should be made applicable to the Commission, the Government of Kerala hereby direct in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the said Act that all provisions of sub-section (2) to (5) of that Section shall apply to the Commission.

By order of the Governor,

G. BHASKARAN NAIR,

Special Secretary to Government.

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No. 13116-E2/71/Law. *Dated, Trivandrum, 9th May, 1973/ 19th Vaisakha, 1895.*

The following Act of the Kerala State Legislature is hereby published for general information. The Bill as passed by the Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on the 8th day of May, 1973.

By order of the Governor,

M. SEKHARAN,

Law Secretary.

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ACT 15 OF 1973

THE KERALA OFFICIAL LANGUAGE (LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT ACT, 1973

An Act to amend the Kerala Official Language (Legislation) Act, 1969.

Preamble.—WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Kerala Official Language (Legislation) Act, 1969, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title.*—This Act may be called the Kerala Official Language (Legislation) Amendment Act, 1973.

2. *Amendment of long title.*—For the long title to the Kerala Official Language (Legislation) Act, 1969 (7 of 1969) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"An Act to provide for the adoption of Malayalam and English as the languages to be used for the official purposes of the State of Kerala.".

3. *Amendment of Preamble.*—For the preamble to the principal Act, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"Whereas it is expedient to provide for the adoption of Malayalam and English as the languages to be used for the official purposes of the State of Kerala and to provide for the adoption of Malayalam also as a language to be used in Bills introduced in, or Acts passed by, the Legislature of the State of Kerala or in Ordinances promulgated by the Governor or in subordinate legislation;".

4. *Amendment of section 1.*—For sub-section (1) of section 1 of the principal Act, the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

"(1) This Act may be called the Kerala Official Languages Act, 1969."

5. *Insertion of new sections 1A, 1B and 1C.*—After section 1 of the principal Act, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

"1A. *Malayalam and English to be the official languages of the State.*—Without prejudice to the provisions of articles 346 and 347 of the Constitution, Malayalam and English shall be the languages to be used for all or any of the official purposes of the State.

1B. *Government's power to notify the official purposes for which Malayalam or English to be used.*—The Government may, by notification issued from time to time, direct that Malayalam or English shall be used in respect of such official purposes as may be specified in the notification.

1C. *Notification issued under section 1B to be placed before the Legislative Assembly.*—Every notification issued under section 1B shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is issued, before the Legislative Assembly, while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session, or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly makes any modification in the notification or decides that the notification should not be issued, the notification shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that notification.".

6. *Insertion of new section 3.*—After section 2 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

"3. *Special provisions in respect of linguistic minorities.*—Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the following special provisions shall apply in respect of linguistic minorities in the State, namely:—

(a) The Tamil and Kannada minority people in the State may use their respective languages for their correspondence with the State Government in the Secretariat and the Heads of Departments and also with all the local offices of the State Government situate in those areas which are declared by the Government to be linguistic minority areas for the purpose and the replies sent in such cases shall also be in their respective minority languages.

(b) The linguistic minorities other than Tamil and Kannada in the State may use the English language for their correspondence with the State Government offices and in such cases the replies sent to them shall be in the English language.".